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EXAMINER: BRUCE H. HESS

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FOR: IMAGE TRANSFER ELEMENT, LASER ASSEMBLAGE AND PROCESS FOR
THERMAL IMAGING

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested.

In response to the Examiner's requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for the "X" component of the metal salt to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, Applicants elect to prosecute the Class A species wherein the "X" component is SO_4^{-2} , SO_3^{-2} , HSO_3^- , $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{-2}$ or $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5^{-2}$. Claims 1 through 7, 11, 12 and 14 through 28 encompass the elected invention.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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